

The 2004 McGraw High School Girls Soccer team members include: Roster: Sarah Bilodeau, Taryn Bilodeau, Laura Buerkle, Monica Byron, Caroline Byrne, Megan Camillo, Jamie Harriger, Rachel Harriger, Natasha Ignatowski, Ashley McAdam, Allison Murray, Christy Mott, Diane Ralyea, Amanda Reynolds, Heather Rogers, Jen Rutan, Amanda Stevens, Sandra Suomikallio, and Kaci Williams. Coach: John Rutan, Assistant Coach: Kathy Rutan.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN C.W. BILL YOUNG AT THE CLOSE OF HIS REMARKABLE TENURE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my distinguished friend and Florida colleague, Congressman C.W. BILL YOUNG, as he concludes his remarkable tenure as Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations.

During his 17 terms in Congress, Chairman YOUNG has set the benchmark for integrity, compassion, and diligence in serving his constituents, our State, and our Nation. With his steady hand at its tiller, the Appropriations Committee has remained a sanctuary of comity and productivity as it navigated the heavy winds of terrorism, recession, the stock market crash, and corporate scandals, as well as the budgetary pressures that these crises produced.

Of course, we Floridians were extremely fortunate that this island of calm resolve was serving as Appropriations Chairman when our State suffered the devastating, unprecedented blows of four hurricanes earlier this year. Within days after we returned from the August District Work Period, Chairman YOUNG built a consensus around a \$2 billion relief package that the victims of this disaster desperately needed—just as FEMA's available funds were exhausted.

During our consideration of the subsequent \$12.6 billion supplemental relief bill, the pressure to include other disasters naturally arose. Exhibiting the same empathy and fairness that served as the hallmark of his chairmanship, Chairman YOUNG managed to address these concerns while achieving swift passage of this legislation.

Our Nation has been just as fortunate that Chairman YOUNG headed the Appropriations Committee as we confronted the daunting challenges of a changed world in the aftermath of September 11. A veteran of the Army National Guard, Chairman YOUNG has garnered national recognition for his expertise on defense and security issues. He had previously chaired the House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, and he has served the longest term on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of any member in history.

While ensuring that our military has the best resources available to fight the War on Terror, Chairman YOUNG has always placed his highest priority upon the men and women who risk their lives to preserve our freedom. He regu-

larly meets with enlisted personnel and officers to assess their needs. As a result of his unflagging efforts on their behalf, Congress has invested in improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay, and more modern equipment.

Chairman YOUNG has also successfully fought for the health security of every American. A leading advocate for increased biomedical research, he has worked to double Federal medical research over 5 years. He has striven to increase the immunization rate for preschoolers, improve public health programs, and provide the resources necessary to find cures for scourges like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

In 1986, Chairman YOUNG played a leading role in founding a national registry for bone marrow donors, which now bears his name in his honor. Today, the registry contains more than 4 million volunteer donors for patients with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases and serves as a model for similar diseases around the world.

Mr. Speaker, we look forward to many more years of effective, caring service from this dedicated public servant, who exemplifies the appellation, "the gentleman from Florida."

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO'S MEN'S AND WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPION CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams of the University of Colorado for claiming the NCAA National Championship titles on November 22, 2004.

While the University of Colorado has won the title for both teams before, the men's squad in 2001 and the women's team in 2000, never before have teams of the university claimed both titles in the same year. In fact, this remarkable feat has happened only four times in NCAA cross country history. Both teams achieved their goal of winning the national championship by all five of the female runners finishing in the top thirty, and all five of the male runners in the top fifty.

These athletes are the epitome of dedication and hard work. I join the University of Colorado in taking pride in this noteworthy accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these student athletes and ask all our colleagues to join me in congratulating the University of Colorado Men's and Women's Cross Country Team on their National Championships.

HONORING 35 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martin Luther King Observance Committee of Morristown, New Jersey in

my Congressional District, which this year is celebrating its 35th Anniversary.

The Committee, a local public service group, has solicited the involvement of the total Morris County community, and especially its young people, in its annual services commemorating the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. since 1970. This celebration of faith, endurance, and commitment is a tribute to the rich legacy of the life and works of Dr. King.

The Observance for 2005 marks the Twentieth year that Dr. King's birthday will be commemorated as a national holiday. As an expression of local unity and in recognition of this important event, the Martin Luther King Observance Committee is inviting the Morris Clergy Council to cooperate with the Committee in jointly sponsoring the commemorative services on Monday, January 17, 2005.

The Martin Luther King Observance Committee will use for a theme "The Dream of Peace Is Dedicated Wholly to Truth." Each of us still makes a difference. Each of us needs to trust, to hope, to care, and to have the courage to make our democracy work for all of us. Yes, today we face great uncertainty and trepidation. Nevertheless, we will pull together as a community and nation during time of crisis. We are Americans indeed.

From those individuals who spearheaded the initial celebration, the late Rachel Viola Jones and Dr. Felicia B. Jamison, the planning efforts has broadened to include members of the Morris Area Clergy Council, with representatives from all major faith traditions. In addition to the two founders, other volunteers who assisted in the early years included Emma L. Martin, George Dorsey, William "Jack" Harris, Reginald and Emanueline Smith, Flora Webb, Norman Jean Matthews, Woody Huff, Elizabeth Lubar, Cecelia Dowdy, Rabbi Z. David Levy, and Rev. Charles Marks.

The core planning committee is continuing to carry on a tradition of excellence for this great program and has grown to include dedicated volunteers. Some of those individuals include Charles Jamison, Jr., James Mack, Janet Bonar, Patricia Johnson, Esq., Barbara Klingsporn, Mae Williams, Ronnie Rogers, Elie Sims, Nadine Alston, Rabbi Donald Rossoff, James Vance, Horace Melton, Marian Sykes Johnson, Gerald Martin, Dorothy C. Parker, Agnes Boyd, Rev. Paul Ratzlaff, and Rev. Jerry M. Carter, Jr., Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I am quite certain that the Martin Luther King Observance Committee will continue in the years ahead to promote the cause of equality and educate our community in helping to promote opportunities for our young people to pursue productive, fulfilling lives. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Martin Luther King Observance Committee of Morristown as they celebrate 35 dedicated years of serving our community, and especially Chairwoman Dr. Felicia Jamison.

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, sixty years ago this week, one of the greatest battles of

World War II took place. While D-Day had put the Nazis on the ropes, the war wasn't over yet; as General George S. Patton reportedly said at the time, the Germans could no longer win the war, but the Allies could still lose it.

Lengthening supply lines had endangered the Allied drive to Berlin and reduced the effectiveness of American and British forces. Logistical miscalculations were a serious problem as well.

Then the weather turned bitterly cold; heavy snow and sleet took its toll on soldiers who had gone days without sleep. It became even more difficult to hold strained supply lines together. Fuel and ammunition shipments were not getting where they needed to go. Only the tenacity, courage and ingenuity of the men in uniform kept the good guys moving.

D-Day was a victory, but it wasn't the final victory, as we would soon discover.

The Battle of the Bulge was crucial. Just five months after D-Day, the Allies had yet to seal the fate of the Nazi regime. The Wehrmacht would come back with an offensive that seemed as if it might be unstoppable. The very "bulge" of the battle's name refers not to some physical place, but to the alarming way our military maps showed the major battle line had "bulged" back towards the Allies.

Ultimately it proved to be the Nazis' last gasp, but we couldn't know that at the time. Had the German offensive not been crushed, their improved morale could have caused other reverses and sent the war into a stalemate, prolonging it and leading to thousands more being killed.

The fighting men of America and the other Allied nations had to summon a fierce will to beat back this charge, and did so heroically. It was one of those occasions that showed how right America was to trust in these men to keep our families safe. Our debt to them is enormous.

These men deserve the highest respect. The Battle of the Bulge was one of the most important moments of the second World War, and winning it was critical to winning the war.

Below are 82 veterans and family members of that battle from my home district, Staten Island and Brooklyn, in New York. It is important that we honor their sacrifice while they still walk among us:

William Abell, B. Roger Acker, Albert Agnotti, Elmer Van Arrindell, Salvatore Baratta, Peter P. Benedetto, Anthony Bianco, Dennis Brackett, Maryann Briney, Carmine Burzumato, Gertrude Calvacca, James Campbell, John Capano, Paul Capofari, Barbara Carreras, Raymond Cebula, Rubin Cohen, Edward Connors, Dominic Corcillo, Anthony Cuollo, Edward Curran, Vito Dellagarzie, Anthony DeMaio, Vincent DeSetto, Eugene Devlin, Anthony DiRosa, Henry Dudziec, Frank D'Alleso, Henry J. D'Andrea, Joseph Emmanuele, Angela Fazio, Roy Ferlazzo, Stephen Fiala, Peter Fiorella, Michael Fortier, William Franz, Aldo Furetti, Eugene Gagliardi, George Geissler, Clarence Genau, Finn Gjertsen, Jonas Goldenberg, Stanley Grapes, Robert E. Holmes, John Hynes, Frank Juliano, Rudolph Korman, Robert Landvogt, Alfred Lotz, William Macaluso, Joseph Magliocco, Val Manetta, Anthony Moody, William Morris, John Nee, Charles Nolan, Lenord Parente, Edwin Petrazzolo, Thomas Poidomani, Joseph Reilly, William Reilly, Seymour Richman, Rev. Br. Marion Santor, George Sheppard, Dr. A.

B. Siewers, David Silver, Charles Snyder, Eugene Sobiesiak, Eugene Sorensen, John Spiritus, Joseph Sportiello, Joseph Sterbenz, Ralph Taliento, Herbert Thompson, Dennis Tobin, Horace Turner, Anthony Vaccaro, Ira Wells, Susan Witman, Peter T. Zacked, Dominick Zero, M. Riccio.

HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL HAROLD KING

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Brigadier General Harold King of the U.S. Air Force, Retired. His death on October 7, 2004, ended a remarkable and distinguished career of service to the Nation.

Benjamin Harold King was born in Oklahoma in 1919. He began his successful military career in February 1942 when he enlisted in the Army Air Force as a flying cadet. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in November and was flying with a fighter squadron in the Philippines a few months later. He served proudly and well during World War II, flying 122 combat missions in the Asiatic-Pacific and European-Middle Eastern theaters. He went on to log 226 combat missions in Korea and over 100 combat missions in Vietnam.

Brigadier General King's decorations include the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, a Distinguished Flying Cross, three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with 24 oak leaf clusters, and the French Croix de Guerre.

Brigadier General King will be remembered, as well, for his legacy of leadership as a commander and operations officer. He succeeded at every assignment and is revered as the father of the modern USAF Air Commandos and Special Operations.

Brigadier General King flew combat in three wars and served in the military for over 30 years before retiring in 1971. He resided in Florence, Oregon, in my congressional district, at the time of his death.

A flight of four F-15s flew directly over his memorial service, a few hundred feet above the local airport where his family, friends, and community members watched the perfect "Missing Man" formation. It was a fitting tribute to Brigadier General Benjamin H. King, Flying Ace.

CONGRATULATING THE WAYNESBORO LIONS CLUB ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY AND INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Waynesboro Lions Club on its 75th anniversary and to recognize the club's invaluable service to the community.

In America, unlike most countries throughout the world, the culture of charitable giving thrives. This is a nation in which freedom is our first priority, and with freedom comes em-

powerment and independence. As a result, individuals take care of each other to ensure a progressive society, creating a community committed to generosity and equality. It is out of this culture that numerous organizations have sprouted and grown upon the foundation of service to others.

At its inception, the Waynesboro Lions Club adopted a commitment to service, which reflects the cornerstone upon which this Nation was built. Since 1929, the club has maintained this commitment by contributing to numerous community projects. Members of the club have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life of those in need, especially the visually handicapped. By providing eye exams and glasses, as well as assisting in the training of seeing eye dogs, the club has made a positive impact on the area's visually impaired.

Without the Waynesboro Lions Club, countless area projects would still be unfinished and many of those in need would still be without aid. The community of Waynesboro has been able to strengthen its cohesion as well as its culture because of the direct involvement of the Lions Club.

The legacy of service that instills a unique pride in the hearts of every American citizen has penetrated the walls of the Waynesboro Lions Club and influenced the lives of scores of people. For its commitment to the citizens of Pennsylvania throughout the last 75 years, I am extremely grateful to the Waynesboro Lions Club.

HONORING CONGRESSMEN AMO HOUGHTON AND JACK QUINN

SPEECH OF

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extol the dedicated public service and achievements of two fellow New Yorkers who are retiring from Congress. AMO HOUGHTON and JACK QUINN have both exemplified commitment and effectiveness during the time they served their constituents in Washington. Their outstanding presence in this chamber will be missed.

When it comes to obtaining federal assistance toward New York's widespread transportation needs, JACK QUINN has fought and won millions of dollars for our state. It has been an honor to work together with him on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. During his 12 years in Congress, JACK QUINN also has distinguished himself by enhancing New York's agriculture industry, protecting our veterans, and advocating the American worker on labor issues.

AMO HOUGHTON saved one of his best achievements for last when he successfully fought this year to keep open the Canandaigua VA hospital that serves New York veterans. He has made a profound impact on both the domestic and international issues considered in this chamber during his 18 years in Congress, and he has worked tirelessly to boost the economy of New York's Southern Tier.

Mr. Speaker, surely I echo the sentiments of many in our state when I say thank you to JACK QUINN and AMO HOUGHTON for taking